been hiked manifold which have forced the medical students to resort to agitation;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have any uniform policy on fee structure for all Government and Government-aided Medical Colleges in the States and Union Territories;

(d) if so, the details in this regard;

(e) the reaction of Government on the fees hike in U.P.; and

(f) whether Government are of the view that the revised fee is within the means of meritorious students from middle and poor classes of the society?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) to (f) The information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the House.

Effective implementation of Population Control Programmes

†2917. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the economic development of the country is not in proportion to the growth of population in the country; and

(b) if so, the steps Government propose to take to effectively implement the population control programmes and to make them more effective?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) The objective of the National Family Welfare Programme is to reduce the birth rate to the extent necessary to stabilise the population at a level consistent with the requirement of the national economy. The achievements made under the programme since its inception in 1952 is quite substantial, but not sufficient.

Actual success in containing the growth of population is dependent on:

- Publicly stated support by the community leaders
- Resources available for the family welfare programme

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

- Efficiency and accountability in the state health system for ensuring effective delivery of services to citizens.
- Women education and women's status in the family.

All these inputs have been only partially available and this is the reason why the results so far have been only partial.

(b) Government has adopted National Population Policy, 2000 and in February, 2000 which states three objectives.

The immediate objective of the National Population Policy is to address the unmet needs of contraception, health infrastructure, health personnel and to provide integrated service delivery for basic reproductive and child health care. The medium term objective is to bring the total fertility rates to replacement level by 2010, through vigorous implementation of inter sectoral operational strategies. The long term objective is to achieve a stable population by 2045, at a level consistent with the requirements of sustainable economic growth, social development and environmental protection.

It lists National Socio-demographic goals to be achieved by 2010. It also enumerates 12 strategies with action plan. The Policy is being implemented.

Neglect of ISM and H

2918. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that CGHS is not laying emphasis on Ayurvedic/ Homoeopathic Systems of Medicine even after wide publicity in the leading newspapers;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Government have sanctioned adequate budget for the CGHS;

(c) if so, the details thereof, system-wise; and

(d) the reasons for negative attitude towards ISM and H by turning down the requests of opening of CGHS units of ISM and H?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.